



U.S. Senator Rick Santorum and USDA Rural Development Invite you to attend a Broadband Funding Workshop

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THE USDA RURAL BROADBAND ACCESS LOAN AND LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM AND OTHER RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Wednesday, February 8, 2006 12:30pm – 4:30pm

Clarion University -- Gemmell Student Complex, Clarion, PA

Come to a **FREE Workshop** and learn about the USDA Rural Development's programs for financing deployment of Broadband and telecommunications services, including:

- The Rural Broadband Access Loan and Loan Guarantee Program
- Community Connect Grants
- The Distance Learning/Telemedicine Loan and Grant Program

The workshop will provide detailed information on these programs for prospective grant and loan applicants and other interested parties. All are welcome to attend!

Discover what programs are available and what the eligibility and other requirements are!

Determine which program is right for you and your community!

Consult with the Broadband Program experts about your specific project or application!

Improve the quality of your Broadband loan or grant application!

Presenters will address specific information for prospective applicants on the Broadband Loan Program's application and requirements, including:

The Application Process:	
Business Plan and Market Survey	Borrower Requirements
System Design	Loan Approval Process
Credit Support Requirements	Disbursement Process
Financial Forecast	Loan Servicing and Reporting

DETAILS ON HOW TO REGISTER ARE ON THE NEXT PAGE

February 8, 2006 USDA Broadband Funding Workshop Tentative Agenda

12:30pm Welcoming Remarks: Gary H. Groves, Rural Development State Director, Pennsylvania

12:35pm Overview of Broadband Programs; the Broadband Loan Program – Dimitrios Kombolias, USDA Rural Development, Broadband Program

2:10pm Remarks U.S. Senator Rick Santorum, by video link

2:15pm Break

2:30pm – Continuation of Overview of Broadband Programs – Dimitri Kombolias

3:00pm – Bradford Regional Medical Center (USDA DLT grant recipient) Cheri Sowash, RN Clinical Supervisor

3:30 Community Connect Grant Program; Distance Learning/Telemedicine Loan and Grant Program – Ronald Mellon and Gary Honis, USDA Rural Development General Field Representatives

4:00pm General Q&A

4:30pm Workshop concludes

Please Register Today!

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Clarion University Gemmell Student Complex
Clarion, PA 16214

Please submit the following information to Marcella B. Borowski, USDA Rural Development at Marcella.Borowski@pa.usda.gov or fax to 717-237-2191.

Name _____
Company/Organization _____
Address/City/State/Zip _____
Telephone _____ Fax _____
Email Address _____

A limited number of individual appointments with the USDA Broadband staff during the morning of February 8 and following the workshop are available. To schedule, please contact Ron Mellon at 269-491-327 or e-mail ronald.mellon@wdc.usda.gov.

For information on content of the workshop, please contact Mary Campanola, USDA Rural Development, Washington, DC at mary.campanola@usda.gov; 202-720-8822.

NOTE: The Broadband Loan Application Guide can be downloaded at the Rural Development website at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/broadband.htm>.

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Gemmell Center and Parking Lots near Payne Street

From Points East:

Take I-80 West to Clarion/New Bethlehem Exit 64. Turn right onto Greenville Pike and follow North to Clarion University Campus. At Payne Street, park in Lot 11 (on left) or proceed one more block on Greenville to Lot A (on right). The Gemmell Student Complex is about one block east of the parking lots.

Estimated Travel Time:

From Allentown: 4 hrs

From Philadelphia: 6 hrs, 30 min

From Harrisburg: 3 hrs, 30 min

From Washington: 5 hrs, 30 min

From Points West:

Take I-80 East to Clarion Exit 62.

Turn left onto Route 68 and follow north to Main Street/Route 322 in Clarion Borough. Turn right onto Main Street and follow east to

South 8th Avenue. Turn right onto South 8th Avenue, follow about 3 blocks and bear left onto Greenville Avenue. Follow 1 block to Lot A (on left) or proceed one more block to Payne and park

in Lot 11 (on right). The Gemmell Student Complex is about one block east of the parking lots.

Estimated Travel Time:

From Cleveland: 2 hrs, 15 min

From Points North:

Take US 62 South to PA 36. Follow PA 36 to PA 66. Follow PA 66 South to US 322. Follow US 322 East into Clarion Borough to South 8th Avenue. Turn right onto South 8th Avenue, follow about 3 blocks and bear left onto Greenville Avenue. Follow 1 block to Lot A (on left) or proceed one more block to Payne and park in Lot 11 (on right). The Gemmell Student Complex is about one block east of the parking lots.

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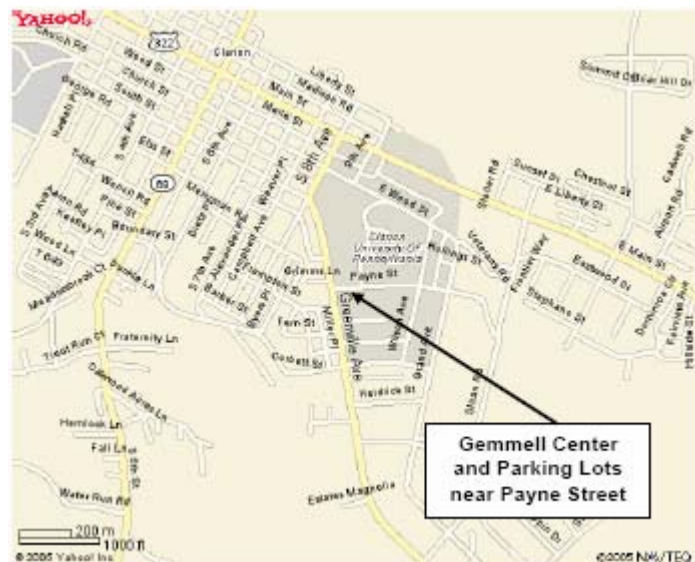
From Buffalo: 3 hours, 30 minutes

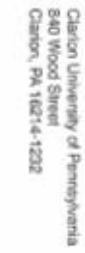
From Points South:

Follow PA 28 North to US 422. Follow US 422 East to PA 66. Follow PA 66 North to I-80. (Do not get onto I-80/PA 66.) Continue north on Greenville Pike to Clarion University Campus. At Payne Street, park in Lot 11 (on left) or proceed one more block on Greenville to Lot A (on right). The Gemmell Student Complex is about one block east of the parking lots.

Estimated Travel Time:

From Pittsburgh: 2 hrs

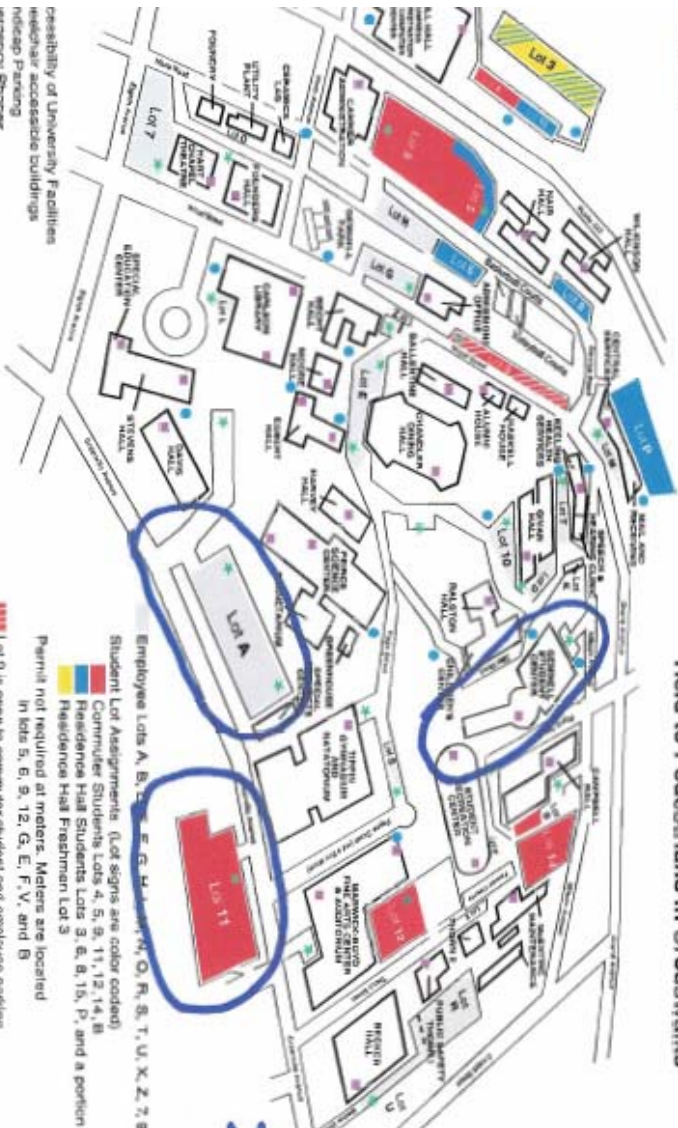




Clarion University of Pennsylvania
840 Wood Street
Clarion, PA 16214-1232



Yield to Pedestrians in Crosswalks



Accessibility of University Facilities
 wheelchair accessible buildings
 handicap Parking
 emergency Phones

Employee Lots A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S, T, U, V, X, Z, 7
Student Lot Assignments: (Lot signs are color coded)
 Commuter Lot Students: Lots 4, 5, 9, 11, 12, 14, B
 Residence Hall Students: Lots 3, 6, 8, 10, P, and a portion
 of Residence Hall Freshmen Lot 3
 Permits not required at meters. Meters are located
 in lots 5, 6, 9, 12, G, E, F, V, and B
1108 Lot 9 is open to commuter student and employee parking.
1117 Lot 3 is open to resident and resident freshman parking.

SUGGESTED ACCOMMODATIONS – CLARION, PA

Suggested Lodging Notes

Clarion Exit 62 (off of I-80)

Comfort Inn..... 814-226-5230

129 Dolby Street, Clarion PA 16214

Holiday Inn..... 814-226-8850

45 Holiday Inn Road, Clarion PA 16214

Microtel..... 814-227-2700

151 Hotel Drive, Clarion PA 16214

Quality Inn..... 814-226-8682

24 United Drive, Clarion PA 16214

Super 8 Motel..... 814-226-4550

135 Hotel Drive, Clarion PA 16214

Cook Forest State Park (15 miles NE of Clarion)

Clarion River Lodge..... 814-744-8171

River Road, Cooksburg PA 16217

Gateway Lodge..... 814-744-8017

14870 Route 36, Cooksburg PA 16217

Suggested Restaurants

Downtown Clarion

Captain Loomis..... 814-226-8400

540 Main Street, Clarion PA 16214

Clarion Exit 62 (off of I-80)

Cozumel (at Quality Inn)..... 814-226-8575

24 United Drive, Clarion PA 16214

Eat 'n Park..... 814-227-2188

35 Perkins Drive, Clarion PA 16214

Perkins Family Restaurant..... 814-226-4410

78 Perkins Road, Clarion PA 16214

RRR Roadhouse..... 814-227-2000

22631 Route 68, Clarion PA 16214

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